

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are pending in this application, of which claim 11 is independent.

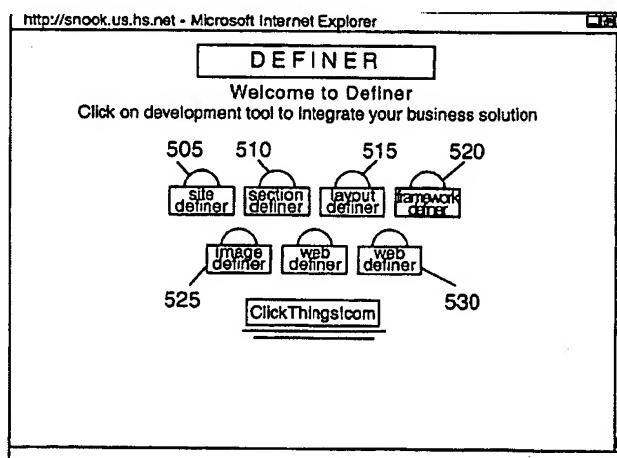
Independent claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Livingston et al. (US 6,424,979) in view of Underwood et al. (US 6,601,057). Applicants traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that there is no motivation to combine Livingston with Underwood to describe a document authoring system including a client with "means for displaying a plurality of objects to be edited and a plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited, respectively, on a web screen," as recited in claim 11. The Examiner acknowledges that Livingston does not explicitly teach "displaying a plurality of objects to be edited and a plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited, respectively, on a web screen" (see Office Action, page 9). However, the Examiner argues that Underwood describes this feature and that it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Livingston to include such a feature. Applicants disagree.

On page 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that Underwood

discloses a Universal Content Manager (UCM), wherein a server is coupled to one or more client terminals through Internet ("TCP/IP") which may be a personal computer ("PC") or the like (other networks may also be used), wherein Server provides a web provider (Web Definer) which is the end-user tool that allows a user to select various combinations and to edit the web site via HTTP and browser software such as Netscape Navigator (TM) or Microsoft Explorer (TM), further includes various modules such as, Site Definer, Image Definer, Content Definer for editing the provided template web site into a unique website (see Fig. 5 and 44 for details of clickable module displaying on the client web browser respectively).

Figures 5 and 44 of Underwood are reproduced here:



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FIG. 5

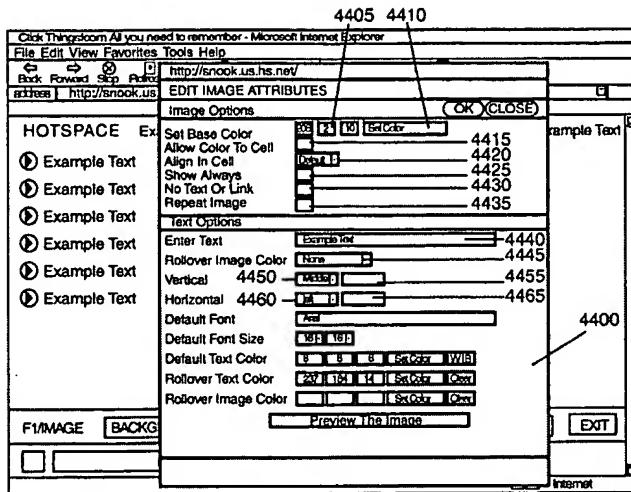


FIG. 44

Figure 5 of Underwood shows that “Definer page 500 comprises links to individual modules for designing, editing, and publishing a web site” (col. 13, lines 4-6). While the modules are for designing, editing and publishing a web site, but the modules themselves are not described as objects to be edited. Therefore, even if Underwood features a system with modules for editing a web site, Underwood neither describes nor would have made obvious that the modules are the “objects to be edited” displayed on a “web screen,” as recited in claim 11.

Moreover, “FIG. 44 depicts an ‘Edit Image Attributes’ menu 4400 that is displayed when the ‘Edit Image Attributes’ option from ‘Image Options’ drop-down menu 4305 is selected” (col. 24, lines 16-18). While the image attributes may correspond to the images to be edited, the image attributes are not described as information to identify the images to be edited. Therefore, even if Underwood features a system for editing image attributes, Underwood neither describes nor would have made obvious that the image attributes are “a plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited,” as recited in claim 11.

Therefore, there is no motivation to combine Livingston with Underwood to describe a document authoring system including a client with “means for displaying a plurality of objects to be edited and a plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited, respectively, on a web screen,” as recited in claim 11.

There is a further reason why independent claim 11 is patentably distinct from the references cited by the Examiner. Applicants submit that there is no motivation to combine Livingston with Underwood to describe a document authoring system including a server with “a list in which the plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited and plurality of display information to be displayed are stored in associated with each other,” as recited in claim 11.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner argues that Livingston describes “the server comprising: a list in which a plurality of items on the web screen are associated and stored with display information of the plurality of items” Applicants submit that this language is not recited in claim 11, and therefore, the Examiner’s rejection is groundless.

Notwithstanding this argument, Livingston describes that “the outline lists the various sections and content that will be assembled by the system to generate the page, as well as the style sheet that will be integrated with the final page to control the way it is rendered” (col. 11, lines 38-41). Thus, according to Livingston, its system uses information from the outline and style sheet to generate and render, respectively, the web page. However, Livingston neither describes nor would have made obvious that the outline or the style sheet are lists in which the plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited are stored.

Applicants also submit that Underwood lacks “a list in which the plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited and plurality of display information to be displayed are stored in associated with each other,” as recited in claim 11.

Therefore, there is no motivation to combine Livingston with Underwood to describe a document authoring system including a server with “a list in which the plurality of identification information corresponding to the objects to be edited and plurality of display information to be displayed are stored in associated with each other,” as recited in claim 11.

For at least these reasons, claim 11 is allowable over Livingston or Underwood, alone or in combination. Claims 12-18 depend from claim 11, and these dependent claims are allowable over these references for at least the same reasons that claim 11 is allowable.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. The absence, however, of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above

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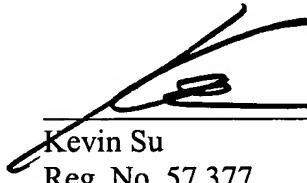
may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been addressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 13357-003002.

Respectfully submitted,

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